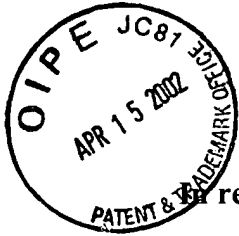


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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2001. A petition for an extension of time and the appropriate fee accompany this response. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and that the rejection of claims in the application be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 34, 40, 45, 52, 53, 60 and 63-68 to read as follows:

G1

Claim 34 (Amended) The method of claim 69 wherein the compound is determined to be an inverse agonist to said receptor.

G2

Claim 40 (Amended) The method of claim 70 wherein the compound is determined to be an inverse agonist to said receptor.

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